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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT; WASHINGTON CONFERENCE ON ENERGY

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: YUGOSLAV PRESS FEB 15 REVIEWS RESULT OF WASHINGTON CONFERENCE ON ENERGY WITH SAME CRITICAL, DISPARAGING TONE AS GREETED CONFERENCE OPENING. EDITS HEW CLOSELY TO ADOPTED LINE THAT ONLY GLOBAL FORUM ON ENTIRE SUBJECT OF RAW MATERIALS CAN RESOLVE CRISIS, AND THAT WASHINGTON MEETING AT LEAST IMPLIES "CONFRONTATION." FRENCH STAND AT CONFERENCE WINS GENERAL PRAISE FOR POSITION TO U.S. "RED" TANJUG ADDS SOME BALANCE TO MEDIA COMMENTARY. END SUMMARY.

2. BELGRADE DAILY POLITIKA FEB 14 INCLUDES EDIT BY FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMENTATOR RADENKOVIC, WHICH CLAIMS THAT IN ITS FINAL RESULT, WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WAS "VENTURE HAVING MANY CONSPICUOUS ELEMENTS OF CONFRONTATION, NOT OF COOPERATION." FRENCH HAVE SHOWN, CONTINUES EDIT, THAT HURRIEDLY PREPARED CONFERENCE "HAS IMPEDED LONG-RANGE PROJECTS OF TECHNOLOGICAL

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AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION, BY-PASSED U.N., AND IGNORED DEVEL-

OPING COUNTRIES." EDIT CONSIDERS RESULTS OF WASHINGTON CONFERENCE AS PROVING THAT GLOBAL AGREEMENT AND COMMON APPROACH ARE REQUIRED TO RESOLVE ENERGY CRISIS, AND THAT REGARDLESS OF ASSURANCES TO CONTRARY, CONFERENCE HAS IN FACT "UNDERMINED SUCH AN APPROACH." IN CONCLUSION, RADENKOVIC OFFERS OPINION THAT PERHAPS "OIL CONFERENCE" ;AD ADDITIONAL MOTIVE IN THAT KISSINGER HOPED TO USE OIL SUBJECT AS "DIPLOMATIC FUEL" TO RE-INVIGORATE HIS NOW FALTERING CONCEPT OF "ATLANTIC REVIVAL."

3. FEB 14 EDIT BY VLADO TESLIC IN BELGRADE'S BORBA TAKES EVEN SHARPER VIEW THAT ATTEMPTS OF CONSUMER NATIONS TO SOLVE ENERGY CRISIS "ARE AIMED ABOVE ALL AT COUNTRIES PRODUCING RAW MATERIALS, AND AT THEIR DIVISION." U.S. PRESSURE HAS BROUGHT GREAT DIVISION IN EEC, WRITES TESLIC, AND ALTHOUGH IT IS DIFFICULT TO DRAW CONCLUSIONS ON RESULT OF U.S. CONFLICT WITH FRANCE, IN PARIS, "THEY WILL COME TO BITTER REALIZATION THAT THEY WERE CONFRONTED AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WITH NEW AND ALMOST UNSCRUPULOUS U.S. TEAM, WHICH DID NOT HIDE ITS ASPIRATIONS NOT ONLY FOR U.S. LEADERSHIP, BUT FOR COMMANDING ROLE IN SO-CALLED WESTERN WORLD."

4. "RED" TANJUG, DISTRIBUTED ONLY TO TOP GOVERNMENT AND PARTY LEADERS, CARRIES 17 POINTS OF "COMMUNIQUE ON WORK OF WASHINGTON CONFERENCE," WITH USIA ATTRIBUTION. "RED" TANJUG ALSO CARRIES REVIEW OF WORLD PRESS ON RESULTS OF CONFERENCE INCLUDING SUMMARY BQ THE NEW YORK TIMES EDIT: "CONFERENCE WHICH IS PROMISING" AND WASHINGTON POST EDIT: "RENEWAL OF ATLANTIC ALLIANCE."
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